

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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John, K6AM, and Dave, N6AN, in their WRTC Tent in Boston getting ready for the competition to begin

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

For real time DX spotting and lively conversation on a variety of subjects, join us on 144.415 MHz.

AUGUST PROGRAM

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AUGUST MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,
San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M.

DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

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A Word from the Prez . . .

Wild Bill, WB6BFG



Greetings DXers,

I hope this finds everyone in good spirits and that you are eking out any DX that you can. Conditions sure have been up and down. I hope that those that had chance to head up to Orange County for the Summer Bash had a great time. I was unable to attend as I had an event in Nevada over that weekend. Thanks to Pat Bunsold for acting as Club Photographer! We'll have a short slideshow of them at the meeting.

This month's meeting will be at The Sizzler and our presentation will be by: John Barcroft, K6AM. He will be showing photos and talking about his experience at WRTC 2014 in Boston. Please join us for an evening of fun, food and camaraderie!

Thanks to Howard, KY6LA. How to Build a Quiet Station. He did a nice presentation on his methods of eliminating the RFI in a ham shack.

Ron Stockton, N0RR, received 16 replies on the questionnaire for club members. He has compiled this info and will present the results at the meeting. I had about the same < 50% fill out the club rooster that I'm trying to bring up to date. Thanks to those who took the time to do so.

In case you haven't heard: ARRL DXCC and Awards Manager [Bill Moore, NC1L](#), was seriously injured in a single-car accident on the afternoon of Thursday, July 3, 2014. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family.

Remember to mark your calendars for the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention September 12-14 201. This will be held at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton San Diego 8110 Aero Dr., San Diego, CA 92123 <http://goo.gl/maps/e35v3>

Coming up on the Contest Calendar: All Asian DX Phone Sept 6-7 and WAE DX Sept 13-14. It's never too early to start thinking about the 49th Annual of the CQP. 1600 UTC October 4, 2014 to 2200 UTC October 5, 2014.

Please remember that the club's newsletter is only as good as the information Ron receives, so just take the time to submit any DX related stories, tall tales, and musings of a madman or crazy lady for his consideration. Thanks Ron for all you do!

73 & 88's to the pretty ones!

73, Wild Bill, WB6BFG

Vice President Report John, NA6L

Our own, John Barcroft, K6AM, will be showing photos and talking about his experience at WRTC 2014 in Boston.

The World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) is a competition between two-person teams of amateur radio operators testing their skills to make contacts with other amateur radio operators around the world over a 24 hour period.

All teams use identical antennas from the same geographic region, eliminating all variables except operating ability. WRTC2014 included 59 competing teams from 29 qualifying regions around the world.

Competitors represented 38 different countries.

On a different topic, if you have not already done so, please go to the link below and update your club roster info: <http://goo.gl/hR76G3>

Please ensure your inputs are accurate because we sell your information to multiple 3rd parties so you get plenty of new spam, unwanted advertisements and probable hacking into your most private on-line accounts. Our bank account is a bit lower than desired, so we need another sale to replenish.

John, NA6L

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ellen, N6UWW



Secretary's Report

The July 23rd meeting was conducted by Wild Bill - WB6BFG at Sizzler at Murphy Canyon & Aero Dr.

Visitors: Mike Guymon N6CDX, Matt AE6HF

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Poway Antenna Ordinance update: August 5th meeting will be presentation of two versions of proposed Ordinance (the first proposal is 0'-65' with a building permit and the second proposal is 0'-35' with building permit, 35'-65' with Council approval and 65'+ with a variance). Hot dogs and sodas will be available at 6pm (courtesy of Poway Antenna Defense Group) and the Council meeting at 7pm. SDDX Club's donation of \$600 was acknowledged and appreciated. More money is still needed so feel free to continue donating.

Wayne NN6R gave an update on the t-shirts and hats order. Need more hats to be ordered in order to proceed with that. Shirts are \$33 (\$35 for XL and larger) and hats are \$15. Thanks Wayne for your efforts with this "circle game" project.

Order form online <http://www.sddxc.org/Club%20Shirt%20and%20Hat%20Order%20Form-a.pdf>

John Barcroft K6AM gave the Top Ten for RTTY/Digital.

We are looking for somebody to take over the position of Editor for the Club Bulletin. Anybody interested please contact Ron -N0RR or Wild Bill - WB6BFG as the Editor (Ron) is anxious to retire from this job.

A roundtable discussion ensued. After the break, Howard KY6LA gave a presentation on how to build a station capable of hearing weak signals in a noisy RF environment without having to use a flyswatter.

Remember to complete your questionnaire so the Board can tailor the Club to your needs.

Treasurer's Report

Statement Balance: 7/31/2014 \$6740.34

Activity:

7/2 deposit \$2000 (Visalia proceeds

7/1 check #587 \$600 (Poway Antenna defense fund)

7/2 check #585 \$19.16 (WB6BFG - May speaker's meal reimbursement)

7/2 check #584 \$20 (N6UWW 51-100 filing fee reimbursement)

Outstanding items: check #586 \$26.96 (N6HD June speaker's meal)

check #516 \$50 (STC Network Systems web-site hosting)

Editor's Ramblings

Thanks to John K6AM, Dave W6AQ, Pat WA6MHZ, Wayne NN6R, Jim W6YA and all the members who responded to the July questionnaire for providing inputs this month.

This is my 19th issue. It has been fun, but the December 2014 issue is my absolute final issue. If no one volunteers there will be no January 2015 issue. I suggest a retired person who can dedicate 4+ hours per issue. My desire to include local items of interest and member specific content is becoming very difficult to sustain. For example, this month I received zero input beyond the obligatory executive inputs.

I must confess I totally under-estimated the time to consolidate and analyze the questionnaires. Part of the problem were the differences between the hard copies and the on-line versions. Some of the questions were different, choices were different, input format was different, etc. Therefore I was only able to analyze and summarize the questions with simple responses. I'll digest the remaining questions, those with more diverse answers, and include them in the September.

We received a total of 50 inputs. I deleted two because the respondents answered <50% of the questions. I deleted another response because the call sign, although optional, was given as a DX station who I did not recognize as a club member. See pages 7 and 8 for this month's summary. Numbers in parentheses indicate the #number of respondents for that question.

RON, N0RR

The SDDXC Top Ten

By John, K6AM

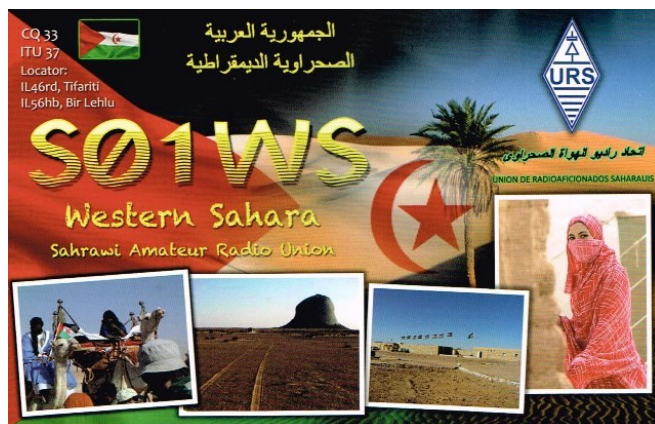
TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON DIGITAL

8/14	8/13	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	NN6K	40	325	325	326	-
2.	2.	K0XB	40	318	323	325	+2
3.	3.	N7CW	39	266	266	311	-
4.	5.	K6XT	40	247	249	293	+60
5.	4.	W6YOO	38	254	258	258	-
6.	6.	WB6BFG	40	226	226	248	+33
7.	7.	WN6K	39	177	178	222	+21
8.	8.	AD6ZJ	35	185	186	199	+8
9.	9.	W6CN (SK)	-	173	176	185	-
10.	10.	N6CW	35	132	132	181	+6

Once again Art, K6XT has the biggest jump with 60 new ones, but its still not enough to jump more than one place in the standings. NN6K holds on to the lead, but Rick, K0XB sneaks even closer, pressing to take back his first place position. There are plenty of new ones out there for the rest of us, so give the digital modes a try. Digital is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK31 and some other systems have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot RTTY mode is now heard mostly only on contest week-ends.

New software is being introduced all the time. MMTTY is a good one when used with Writelog or N1MM and a sound blaster card, but now I'm hearing good things about a new decoder called "2Tone". Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 6/160 and digital followed by phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.



Worked this station on 5 August and received the QSL on the 19th. Great service from EA2JG



How's DX?

This page consists of historical data so members can share information or brag about their accomplishments. For real time info, monitor the club 2m spotting frequency, 144.415 MHz. For future DX info subscribe to the ARRL weekly DX bulletin and/or W3UR's newsletter.

Fall is approaching and conditions are improving. More DX reported this month

Station	Date	Time	Band	By	Station	Date	Time	Band	By
3B8/HB9ARY	5-Aug	1414	40 CW	W6YA	OX5T	3-Aug	0009	17 SSB	W6YA
3B9FR	2-Aug	1322	20 CW	W6YA	S01WS	5-Aug	0408	40 CW	W6YA
4W/N1YC	17-Aug	1423	80-12	W6YA	T6T	31-Jul	1451	17 SSB	NN6R
4W/NB3MM	1-Aug	0031	15 CW	W6YA	TA3AX	13-Aug	2341	20 CW	W6YA
4W/NB3MM	2-Aug	2319	21 SSB	NN6R	TY2BB	3-Aug	2316	17 SSB	NN6R
4W/PE7T	18-Aug	0053	40-12	W6YA	VK9EC	30-Jul	0223	21 CW	NN6R
9K2MU	9-Aug	1825	17 CW	NN6R	VK9EC	31-Jul	0451	15 CW	W6YA
A35-MANY	16-Aug	2317	MANY	W6YA	VK9EX	3-Aug	1333	30 CW	W6YA
A92HK	9-Aug	1849	17 SSB	NN6R	VK9EX	7-Aug	1429	14 SSB	NN6R
C21BN	10-Aug	0432	17 SSB	W6YA	VQ9JC	1-Aug	1604	17 CW	W6YA
FR4NT	18-Aug	1419	40 SSB	W6YA	XR0YH	3-Aug	0422	20 SSB	W6YA
J28NC	16-Aug	1815	15 CW	W6YA	XV4Y	22-Aug	1310	30 CW	W6YA

Most Recent QSO from San Diego County

	Zone 14	Zone 15	Zone 16
12m	Need inputs here		
10m	CT1HMN 26 May 14	SP4INT 6 April 14	UA3ICF 9 Mar 14



Dave Bell, W6AQ, has written a book about his Ham Radio experiences, with emphasis on filming His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan (JY1), Walter Cronkite (KB2GSD), and Barry Goldwater (K7UGA). Info about the paperback book can be found at WorldsBestHobby.com.

73, Dave

Partial Summary SDDXC Membership Questionnaire Responses

Missing items will be presented next month

How long have you been licensed? (47) 42.7 years Average

What is your primary interest in Amateur Radio? (DXing, contesting, traffic handling, rag chewing, public service, emergency preparedness, technical, HF Propagation, QRP, other _____)

How long have you been a member of the SDDXC? (47) 15 years Average

Do you read the Club's Yahoo reflector? (47) 62% Y, 38% N

Do you look at the Club's Website? (47) 85% Y, 15% N

Do you prefer direct e-mail communication? (46) 78% Y, 22% N

What would you like to achieve via the ham radio hobby? _____

How can SDDXC assist in achieving your goals? _____

Are you a member of the ARRL? (47) 98% Y, 2% N

What other amateur radio clubs do you belong to? (None, _____)

Do you participate in the ARRL DXCC Program? (47) 85% Y, 15% N

Do you participate in the CQ Magazine WAZ or WPX Award programs? (46) 43% Y, 57% N

Please indicate the bands you operate on (160, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6, 2m)

What are your primary or favorite band(s)? _____

What modes do you operate? (CW, phone (SSB, AM, FM), RTTY, digital, other _____)

What is your primary or favorite mode? (CW, phone (SSB, AM, FM), RTTY, digital, other _____)

Are you on-the-air? (daily, often, occasionally, rarely)

What is your primary transceiver? (Icom, Yaseu, Kenwood, Elecraft, Flex, homebrew, other)

Do you use an HF amplifier? (46) 83% Y, 17% N

What is your typical output power? Club average is 562 Watts Out

How would you describe your antennas? (Contest station (>1 tower), single tower with one or more, rotatable yagis, vertical(s), wire (s), stealth, mobile only, other _____)

What type of logging system do you use? (47) 91% Software, 9% paper, 17% both

If you use computer software what type? (QRZ, Winlog, N3FJP, N1MM, HRD, Other _____)

What is your preferred QSL method (15) 73% paper, 47% LoTW, 13% eQSL

Do you design and/or build any homebrew: (45) 64% Y, 36% N

Are you QRV on 2m? (47) 72% Y, 28% N

Do you monitor or participate on the SDDXC spotting frequency, 144.415 MHz? (47) 36% Y, 64% N

What is your primary source of information on future DX operations? _____

Would you be interested in a club spotting system that sends out near real-time text messages when DX operations/stations are actively being heard/worked in our area? (46) 59% Y, 41% N

How often do you attend our monthly meetings? (always, frequently, occasionally, never)

Are you satisfied with the format of the monthly meetings? If not, what would you add or delete?

What type of presentations would interest you? _____

Is there a topic that you could present at a SDDXC meeting (28) 50% Y, 50% N

Would you support the club and participate in events such as Field Day, CA QSO Party, VHF Contest Grid Square Rover, NA IO-TA, etc.? (45) 76% Y, 24% N

Would you be interested in participating in a SDDXC DXpedition? (46) 63% Y, 37% N

Do you think the annual club dues of \$20 is: (47) 83% OK as is, 17% too low

Do you think the club should contribute directly to select DXpeditions? (43) 58% Y, 42% N

Do you think the club should contribute directly to select Mega-DXpeditions? (44) 57% Y, 43% N

Is our annual donation to the Northern California DX Foundation the best way to financially support DXpeditions? (43) 72% Y, 28% N

Do you support a program where the club matches individual contributions to DXpeditions up to a specified maximum; specific to be determined? (12) 50% Y, 50% N

Would you enjoy specific mentoring programs (Elmering) such as designing and building antennas, learning modern computer programs to make DXing more productive, RFI/EMI solutions, radio/antenna system options for restricted installations (HOAs, CCRs rentals), contesting, learning Morse code, public service/emergency communications, six meter operations/options, digital DXing etc.? (45) 64% Y, 36% N

Could you be an Elmer to fellow club members? (47) 55% Y, 45% N

Would you be interested in having a club member be an Elmer to you? (46) 46% Y, 54% N

Do you know Morse code? (46) 67% Y, 33% N

Would you participate in club sponsored code classes? (45) 44% Y, 56% N

As an instructor? (12) 17% Y, 83% N

The 2014 SCDXC / SDDXC Summer Bash at Wayne's, W6IRD, QTH—Recognize anyone?

